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## SCORE OF PASSENGERS KILLED AND AS MANY MORE INJURED

### Wreck On Southern Pacific--Dead and Injured Thrown In Every Direction--Many Burned and Scalded to Death--Some Mutilated Beyond Recognition.

Lampoon, Cal., May 11.—Probably a score of passengers were killed and as many injured in a wreck this afternoon on the coast line of the Union Pacific, five miles south of Surf. The train was a special loaded with shriners who were on their way from Los Angeles to their home in the east. The train consisted of six cars.

While running at high speed a wheel on the engine broke and the locomotive jumped the track and turned over. Four of the front cars of the train followed it and were smashed to pieces. The dead and injured were thrown in every direction.

The train caught fire immediately after the wreck, but the fire was extinguished by the passengers of the two rear coaches who were uninjured. Many of the passengers were burned and scalded to death by escaping steam. Some of them were mutilated beyond recognition.

The first man to reach Lampoon from the wreck, a few minutes before nine o'clock tonight said that he had counted ten dead taken from the wreckage and laid beside the track. A score or more were terribly injured. Many others received less serious injuries.

The wreck occurred on a level stretch of track near the beach. The road bed is of sand at this point and the broken cars ploughed into and were half buried in it. The fireman escaped although injured. The engineer was hurt about the head and wandered down the track in a dazed condition toward Surf five miles distant. He almost reached that place when overtaken and carried back to the scene of the wreck.

A wrecking train had reached the spot from Santa Barbara with a large number of physicians and nurses on board.

The injured were given immediate attention. They were placed with all speed on the train to be taken either to Santa Barbara or San Luis Obispo. The name of the shrine temple whose members were on board were not known to the man who brought the news to Lampoon. He had not stopped to get the names of any dead or injured.

San Francisco May 11 (9 p. m.)—The following official dispatch has been received at the Southern Pacific headquarters: "Extra, 2412, engineer Champlain, with shriners, derailed at Honda, 65 miles north of Santa Barbara, caused by an obstruction on the track, wrecking the engine, baggage car, broken in two, three sleepers derailed, not badly damaged. Will pass train around wreck at 9 p. m."

San Luis Obispo, Cal., May 11.—At 30 o'clock a special train arrived here bringing two cars of dead and wounded from the wreck at Honda. Passengers who accompanied the train and who were injured slightly or not at all assert that the number of dead exceeds twenty-one and that the total will be in the neighborhood of twenty-eight. Five of the injured passengers died on the way to this place and others are hurt so severely that death is but a matter of a few hours.

The masons of this city had organized a relief corps before the arrival of the train and the injured were hurried to the hospital and residences, where preparations had been made for their reception.

Trainmen who came from the scene say that three cars crowded with passengers and a dining car were demolished, together with two or three baggage cars. The latter were piled on top of the locomotive.

According to the statements of survivors shriners from Buffalo and Cleveland and Reading, Pennsylvania, were the greatest sufferers. Many of the dead were scalded so that they were unrecognizable. Tourist Conductor Austin is reported killed, a brakeman is missing and an engineer has a broken leg.

#### TWO MORE WRECKS

El Paso, Texas, May 11.—A west-bound passenger train on the Southern Pacific which left El Paso this afternoon was wrecked tonight near Lordsburg, N. M. Five persons are said to have been killed and many injured.

A wrecking train with several surgeons tonight left for the wreck. Lordsburg is the terminus of the first division of the Southern Pacific west of El Paso.

Monterey, Mexico, May 11.—Running 35 miles an hour, a southbound passenger train on the Mexican Central railway from El Paso to Mexico City, left the track six miles north of Bernalillo today. Two sleepers and the first second and third class coaches went on an embankment 10 feet deep, injuring 25 persons.

A score of second and third class passengers were hurt.

#### DATES MAY HAVE CONFLICTED

Calling off of Invitations to Dinner Causes Much Speculation

Norfolk, Va., May 11.—The dinner to be given at the Chamberlin Hotel Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Harry St. George, a Tucker in honor of General Baron Kuroki of the Japanese army has been abandoned. The war department which accepted the invitation of the president of the Jamestown exposition for General Kuroki has telegraphed that it must recall the acceptance. The commanders of foreign fleets in Hampton Roads and high officials of the American army and navy have sent regrets. Mr. Tucker is in Washington and at his residence to-night a statement on the subject was refused. It is understood that other plans for the entertainment of the Japanese general conflicted with the dinner.

Washington, May 11.—No one at the Japanese embassy tonight would vouchsafe an explanation of the calling off of the invitations to the dinner of Henry St. George Tucker to General Kuroki and the other military and naval officers from foreign lands now in this country to attend the Jamestown exposition. At the home of Secretary Taft it was stated that he had retired and assistant Secretary Oliver declared that he knew nothing about the matter. Inquiries in other quarters however, elicited the view, unanimously entertained that there was a conflict in dates.

President Tucker left here tonight for Norfolk and therefore it was not possible to obtain a statement from him.

#### DESTRUCTIVE FIRES IN PARIS

Work of Firemen Impeded by Mob of Thugs.

Paris, May 11.—The entire fire department of Paris was called out tonight to fight two great fires which started within two hours and which are believed to be the work of incendiaries.

The first fire was at Aubins big cart-ridge factory in the suburb of St. Denis, it was accompanied by many violent explosions but fortunately there was no loss of life.

The second was in the Montmartre district, at Hermann, La Chapelles metal works. Here the flames spread rapidly to some adjoining tenement houses, the occupants of which were rescued with difficulty. The work of the firemen was impeded by a mob of thugs, called in Paris "Apaches" who cut fire hose, pillaged the houses from which the occupants had been turned out by the firemen and stabbed one policeman who was trying to hold the people back.

The damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. Many persons sustained injuries and it is believed that two firemen lost their lives.

#### WANTS DECISION REVIEWED

Oxford and Coast Line Railway Company File Petition

Washington, May 11.—The Oxford and Coast Line Railway Company today filed in the supreme court of the United States a petition asking the court to review the decision of the circuit court of appeals for the fourth circuit in the case of that company against the Union Bank of Richmond, Va. The case arose in connection with the sale of railroad to the bank for \$16,500 worth of bonds issued by the town of Oxford, N. C., in aid of the road, which were afterwards found to be invalid. The bank claimed that the bonds were guaranteed by the railroad company and the court of appeals so held.

Linen Robes.—City Livery Co.

## COMPLAINANT LOSES CASE

### Rates From Southeastern States Not Unreasonable

#### DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

New England Mills Entitled to Lower Rates to Off-set the Advantages Pos-sessed by Southern Mills—Pig Iron Rate Unjust and Excessive.

Washington, May 11.—Decisions in six cases were handed down today by the interstate commerce commission. One of the cases, that of the Enterprise Manufacturing Company of Georgia against the Georgia Railroad Company and others, involving rates on cotton goods and cotton waste from southern points to Pacific coast terminals, being of great importance. The decision in this case was rendered by Commissioner Lane and is against the complainant, it being held that the higher freight rates on such goods from points in the south to the Pacific coast are just and reasonable. In its announcement the commission says:

"The fact that such rates from the southeastern states are higher than those obtaining from the New England states does not in and of itself establish the unreasonableness of the higher rates, as the conditions existing at the two localities are dissimilar. The New England mills, which suffer by the competition of the more favorably situated southern mills, from the standpoint of the production are entitled to such advantage in rates as they have from being situated at points closer to ports where cheap water competition has been established to the Pacific coast points of consumption. The existence of a lower rate in the somewhat remote past does not necessarily prove anything of value in ascertaining the reasonableness of a rate existing today."

"In the case of Tomlin-Harris Machine Company vs the Louisville and Nashville railroad company and others it was shown that the rates on coal and pig iron from Birmingham, Ala., to Cordele, Ga., from \$1.70 per net ton and \$2.75 per gross ton, respectively, and from Birmingham to Macon, Ga., are \$1.60 per net ton and \$1.60 per gross ton, respectively. Cordele being a nearer point. Upon complaint that such rates to Cordele are unreasonable and unduly discriminatory the commission, in an opinion by Commissioner Lane, holds that upon the facts shown the coal rate is not unreasonable or discriminatory, but that the pig iron rate is unjust and excessive. The carriers are ordered to put in force on or before June 15, 1907, a rate of \$2.15 per gross ton on pig iron from Birmingham to Cordele."

#### SITUATION TERRIFYING

Volcano Throwing Out Red Hot Projectiles and Enormous Volume of Smoke.

Messina, May 11.—A portion of the main crater has fallen in causing a more active eruption. It seems to have affected the sea, which is most agitated near the island.

Scientists have expressed the opinion that possibly a submarine crater may have opened and that it is causing the aquatic disturbance.

Naples, May 11.—Enormous clouds of ashes appeared this afternoon from the sea, darkened the sky and fell on the town.

Considerable apprehension was felt when it was realized that the clouds were ashes and cinders from Mount Aetna and Stromboli. A similar phenomenon was noticed along the southern coast, and caused panics in several places.

Messina, May 11.—The eruption of the Aetna and the Stromboli volcanoes increased as the night wore on. An enormous volume of smoke and quantities of the red hot projectiles are being thrown out from the Aetna in all directions. There continued loud explosions and earth shocks. These latter are especially severe at the Aetna observatory which is at an elevation of 9,000 feet and only 1,700 feet from the crater.

The observatory lies above the forest district in a zone where scarcely any animal life exists. In winter this point is covered with snow and in summer with dry lava.

The latest reports declare the situation to be most terrifying. A few weeks ago Stromboli was covered with rich vegetation, now the island is stricken and desolate, everything having been destroyed by fire or buried under ashes.

Every boat at the island has been pressed into service by inhabitants to aid in their escape from the danger.

## FRANC H. JONES IN CHARLOTTE

### Defaulting Teller of Bank Surrenders Himself

#### GIVEN PRELIMINARY TRIAL

Charged With Having Embezzled \$70,000—Reward of \$3,000 Was Offered for His Arrest—His Alleged Accomplice Under \$10,000 Bond.

Charlotte May 11.—Franc H. Jones, the defaulting teller of the Charlotte National Bank, who is charged with having embezzled about \$70,000 of the bank's funds and for whom a reward of \$3,000 was offered arrived in this city this morning and surrendered himself.

A preliminary hearing will be given him today. His alleged accomplice, Fonville, is now under a \$10,000 bail on a charge of complicity with Jones in the embezzlement.

#### PERPLEXING PROBLEM

Cabinet Holds Long Session in Effort to Solve It.

Washington, May 11.—The cabinet today lasted from 11 until 2:15 o'clock an unusually long time. It is believed the political situation as affected by conditions in Ohio was thoroughly considered. None of the members would deny that it was not. Each member who was asked about the meeting said that it did not relate particularly to business in his department.

The coming conference of republican state leaders at Columbus on May 15 is causing a great deal of interest in administration circles and from remarks made by cabinet officers after meeting today the inference is that this came up for a large share of discussion.

The position of the Taft people, from what this member of the cabinet said, is believed to be that the presidency and the senatorship in Ohio should be considered separately. Secretary Taft declined to talk on the subject.

#### RECEIVED IN SILENCE

Morton Endorsing Governor Hughes for the Presidency.

New York, May 11.—A resolution endorsing Governor Charles E. Hughes for the presidency of the United States created a sensation at a meeting of the state republican committee in this city today. The resolution was offered by former governor and former State Chairman B. B. Odell. Its reading was received in silence by the committee, most of the members being astonished at its introduction.

On motion of State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff, the proposed endorsement of Mr. Hughes was laid on the table by a vote of 32 to 4. Chairman Woodruff said that its adoption would place Governor Hughes in an awkward position, especially as there was no time to adopt such a resolution.

#### MADRID REJOICES

Birth of Royal Baby Universal Topic of Conversation.

Madrid, May 11.—The birth of the royal baby to King Alfonso and Queen Victoria continues to be the universal topic of conversation. Business was practically suspended all day today and the city was given over to rejoicing.

A stream of people is constantly going by the palace to read the bulletins issued by the doctors in attendance on the queen.

This afternoon King Alfonso appeared on a balcony of the palace and was given a tremendous ovation.

The bulletin issued this evening declared that both the queen and the baby had had a good day and were in excellent health.

#### STRIKE APPROACHING CRISIS

Both Sides Waiting for What Promises to be Final Struggle.

New York, May 11.—Today's events indicate that the crisis in the longshoremen's strike is approaching. The 10,000 or 12,000 men who are out, are apparently nearing the limit of their patience and both sides are waiting for what promises to be the final struggle. In the meantime the police are in readiness to quell any rioting that may occur. The reserves at all the precincts in the vicinity of the waterfront have been doubled and many of the dinners that usually follow the police parade which took place today were called off tonight because of the need for the men at the stations in case of trouble.

## HONOR TO MRS. HENRY LONDON

Pleasant Incident of Memorial Day—Veteran Officers—Insurance Company Will Not Increase Capital—News Notes.

(Special to The Messenger.) Fayetteville, May 11.—As the long line of Confederate veterans marched along Green street yesterday afternoon part of the memorial parade they halted in front of the Highsmith hospital and raised their hats to Mrs. Henry A. London, of Pittsboro, a devoted member and high officer of the Daughters of the Confederacy, who is a patient at the hospital and seated at her window. She smilingly and gracefully acknowledged the salute.

At their annual meeting yesterday, Camp 552, Confederate veterans, elected the following officers: Commander, G. M. Rowe; lieutenant commanders, A. D. McGill, H. H. Bolton, W. E. Kyle; adjutant, A. A. McKethan; (rising vote); quartermaster, Walter Watson; commissary, T. J. Powers; surgeon and assistant surgeon, Dr. T. D. Haigh and Dr. H. A. McSwain; chaplain, Rev. D. M. Fairly, (rising vote); color bearer, J. W. Kinsaw; color guards, J. A. Buie, James Kirkpatrick. Arrangements were made for sending a large delegation to Richmond, and Capt. W. E. Kyle addressed the camp as to the rates of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, presenting handsome booklets gotten out by the railroad, with very valuable maps, replete with information. Col. C. Broadfoot, of the county pension board stated that the board would ask the county commissioners to levy a small tax for the increase of Confederate pensions, and requested the chair to appoint a committee from the camp to act with the board. On motion of Mr. J. W. Atkinson a vote of thanks was tendered Dr. H. H. Bolton for his services on behalf of the Confederate soldier in the legislature.

At their meeting yesterday the stockholders of the Fayetteville Life Insurance Company voted against the increase of capital stock from \$150,000 to \$300,000 by a large majority. The commencement exercises of the Fayetteville state colored normal school were excellent, comprising an address by County School Superintendent B. T. McBride and the presentation of diplomas by Prof. J. A. Jones, superintendent of the city graded schools on Thursday evening.

#### WON IN PLUCKY FINISH

R. G. Stokely Made Fine Record in Shoot at Richmond—Account of Friday's Contest.

The Times-Dispatch of Richmond yesterday says:

The big event of the three days' shoot was the southern handicap proper. W. R. Crosby broke nine-two out of 100 from the back mark, but being a paid expert did not participate in the money. High honors went to G. S. McCarty, the well-known Philadelphia "crack shooter, who tied H. E. Buckwater at ninety-two.

Of Thursday's shoot the report says:

High scores came with the fine weather at Interstate Association's Southern Handicap. A good sized gallery, including many ladies, followed the shooters from trap to trap, especially the men who were heavily handicapped, were forced to shoot from a distance of twenty-one yards. The cracks, Crosby, Heer, and Huff, could do but little at this long range, but Crosby broke 88 out of 100.

The silver trophy and first money went to R. G. Stokely, of Wilmington N. C., who tied W. Henderson of Kentucky, with 92 breaks, but won in an exciting shoot-off at 20 birds, scoring all but his last. Henderson drew hard quartering birds on the shoot-off and fell down badly. Stokely was a dark horse and missed his first in his last string of fifteen, but pluckily broke fourteen straight. This, with his shoot-off, gave the popular little Tarheel a fine run of 43.

#### DENOUNCED THE DISPENSARY

Gov. Glenn Makes Speech at Informal Banquet.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, May 11.—An informal banquet given at the A. and M. college by its Y. M. C. A. tonight was marked by powerful speeches by W. D. Weatherford, of Atlanta, and Governor Glenn. Dr. George T. Winston presided. Rev. F. M. Bumpas offered the opening prayer.

Governor Glenn denounced the Raleigh dispensary in the severest terms. He said he intended to devote the remaining year and a half of his official term to the improvement of North Carolina's young men and whether after that he continued in public life or became a private citizen he would continue that work.

## FOREIGN VISITORS

### Being Royally Entertained in Washington

## FUNCTION AT WHITE HOUSE

### One of the Most Brilliant Ever Given

Day Spent in Sight Seeing by the Distinguished Foreigners—Pilgrimage Made to Mount Vernon—Cavalry and Artillery Drill Witnessed—Naval Delegation Will Leave for Norfolk Today.

Washington, May 11.—One of the most brilliant functions ever given at the white house was the dinner tonight by President Roosevelt in honor of Gen. Kuroki, the duke of Aruzaki, vice admiral Ijima and other representatives of foreign powers, who have come to this country to visit the Jamestown Exposition. The table was spread for twenty-nine. The state dining room was used for the occasion, the decorations being composed of pink and white roses. The gilt plateau and candleabra also were used. The whole building was handsomely illuminated. The guests assembled in the red room and promptly at 8 o'clock President Roosevelt entered the blue room where they were received.

The United States marine band which was stationed on the lobby, furnished the music.

The dinner was over by ten o'clock at which hour Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, gave a reception which was attended by all those who went to the white house and by many others prominent in official and social circles of Washington.

The distinguished foreigners were divided into two sight-seeing parties today. The larger one including most of the foreign naval officers and a few foreign army officers made a pilgrimage to the home of George Washington at Mount Vernon. The other party composed mostly of army officers went to Fort Myer and witnessed a special drill by a troop of the 13th cavalry and a battery of field artillery.

The drill was followed by a luncheon at the post.

Among those who went to Fort Myer were Major Wang Yu Xian and Captain Wang Yen-Pin of the Chinese army the visiting representatives of the Belgian and Chilean and Argentine armies and the military attaches of the legations of the countries named.

The trip to Mount Vernon was made on the naval yacht Mayflower and Secretary Metcalf was host of the occasion. Luncheon was served on the way home.

All the members of the naval delegation at Hampton Roads will leave tomorrow morning in a special car for Norfolk.

#### BASEBALL.

##### American.

St. Louis, 5; Washington, 4. Cleveland, 6; New York, 2. Chicago, 7; Philadelphia, 2. Detroit, 4; Boston, 1.

##### National.

New York, 9; Pittsburg, 6. Brooklyn, 1; Chicago, 0. Second game: Brooklyn, 0; Chicago, 2. Boston-Cincinnati, rain. Philadelphia, 8; St. Louis, 4.

##### Southern.

Memphis, 1; Atlanta, 2. New Orleans, 2; Birmingham, 2. (10 innings). Little Rock, 5; Nashville, 4. Shreveport, 1; Montgomery, 1. (15 innings).

##### South Atlantic.

Macon, 5; Augusta, 7. Savannah, 0; Jacksonville, 5. Charleston, 2; Columbia, 1.

##### Virginia State League.

Richmond, 0; Roanoke, 7. Danville, 4; Norfolk, 3. Portsmouth, 6; Lynchburg, 1.

##### IT'S A FINE FLAVOR

The Blue Ribbon Vanilla is an extract of the highest quality, delicate yet full of strength.

Summer Robes.—City Livery Co.